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weekender people

FORMER Marine Mark Hughes has set up his own boot camps at Henhayes recreation field in Crewkerne, which are meant to be fun with no shouting involved.

Originally from Chester, Mark met and married local girl Kelly whilst training to be a Marine. The couple moved to Crewkerne 10 months ago to be nearer Kelly's family.

Mark left the Marines in November after 10 years of service to have more of a family life, sharing in the care of his two daughters, Sophie and Molly, the eldest of whom is one of four children in the world to have a rare disabling condition.

Whilst a Marine, Mark became a triathlete for the Navy and not only competed but formed a team and helped coach young athletes. Last year he came eighth in the Crewkerne Tri and plans to "smash it" this year. He cycles and runs regularly himself and would love others to join him in training.

MARK ONE Fitness offers boot camps, boxercise and one-to-one personal training at reasonable prices. Mark can be contacted on 07790 389681 or via Facebook under MARK ONE Fitness.

60 seconds

WHAT is different about your boot camps?
They are on Saturday mornings at Henhayes from 9.30am to 10.30am so not the crack of dawn, and they are non-military. You won't be screamed at - shouting doesn't get results. Marines have to be broken down and built up because they are going to war with weapons that kill people, which is totally different. For my classes it's all about encouragement, motivation and inspiration, that's what gets results.

DO you plan to expand?
Yes, I want to set up teenage boot camps. I am already volunteering at the youth club in the new George Reynolds Centre and I am doing my own take on boxercise in the centre too. I was a boxer in the Marines as well so have a lot of experience in the sport. We box to music and I use full-sized gloves, which is particularly good for women as it helps get rid of bingo wings!

WHAT do you like about Crewkerne?
I have a good feeling about the town. I think it is up-and-coming and there is a gap for more community-led projects, such as mine, to bring people together. I feel I can bring fitness to Crewkerne in a way it's not seen before.

IF you could meet anyone, who would it be?
I'd like to meet Lance Armstrong, the disgraced cyclist, and ask him why he cheated and took steroids. He was my sporting idol and I don't understand why someone like that would do it, not only to himself but ruining the sport by not inspiring people to train properly

ARE you careful about diet?
I was a chef before I joined the Marines so I do know a lot about nutrition and try to eat clean with lots of colour in my diet, but I love to eat dirty too and enjoy a kebab. My favourite thing to cook would still be roast dinner with gravy made from scratch, full of nutrition.

IF you could time travel where would you go?
I would go forward in time and find a cure for my daughter's illness and bring it back for her.

WHAT would you say was your most ambitious fitness challenge?
I have trained everywhere, from Afghanistan to the Scottish mountains, and done long-distance triathlons but I did once do pull-ups on the front of a ship, hanging over the bow from the rails after a dare.

WHAT would you like to have with you deserted island?
I'd like my bike and a good pair of trainers, a survival tin and a pair of swimming goggles.

WHO are you aiming your boots camps at?
Everyone, I want to inspire confidence in all ages and abilities. There are a lot of people who want to keep fit but the thought of a gym leaves them cold because they don't like the atmosphere or the machines and dance classes are too complicated. I just keep it simple and fun and if someone can only walk, not run, then they can walk. It is fun in the fresh air. We warm up, play team games like British Bulldog, circuits and resistance band work to tone the body.

IF you had silly money what would you buy?
I'd build hydrotherapy pool in the house and get Molly a pony.

WHY did you leave the Marines?
It's a single man's life really, not good for quality family time and Sophie is my gift. She has driven me to think about making the most of my life. Kelly is just finishing beauty therapy training and, between us, we can take turns to work and look after the girls, with the help of Kelly's mum.

YOU must have travelled extensively as a Marine, where is there left to go?
I would like to take Sophie to swim with the dolphins, to see the look on her face would be amazing.

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County freeze council tax payments

SOMERSET County Council announced it will freeze its council tax for a fourth year in a row. A major £4.8 million extra investment in caring for vulnerable people, extra funding for roads, and more books for Somerset's libraries, are among the highlights of the spending plans revealed on Wednesday.

The extra investment comes despite a tough settlement from the Government that will see the council having to operate with £20 million less than last year, while demand for services increases.

Among the major proposals for the next financial year are: a freeze in council tax for a fourth year running; an extra £4.8 million on vulnerable children and adults; millions extra spent on repairing roads damaged by the severe winter weather; reducing bureaucracy within the county council; and making libraries part of the community, keeping them open and investing in new books.

Council leader John Osman pointed out however that after the Government's cut of £20 million in funding, SCC still needs to find this saving from its budget. "It is extremely difficult and challenging when our income goes down, but the number of people needing our help is going up," he said.

"Just one example, a few years ago over 350 children were in care in Somerset. Now that figure is more than 525, and rising. Each child can cost the authority £3,000-£5,000 a week to look after. Of course we want to look after them to the best of our abilities, but it's a very significant expense.

"These are very tough times for all councils across the country, it is no different in Somerset, we have protected some areas for the coming year, like youth services, libraries, and school crossing patrol officers. We will continue with our priorities, to care for people who need it, and to deliver all our services with the best possible value for money."

The draft budget proposals will be discussed by cabinet members at their next meeting in February. The proposals will see services reorganised and in some areas, modernised to bring significant efficiencies and savings. Proposals include, modernising care services, committing to keep all 41 children's centres open and reorganising and restructuring the service and developing more efficient working practices with schools and early years providers.

Local plan to be inspected

by Marion Draper

SOUTH Somerset District Council has now formally submitted the updated version of the South Somerset Local Plan 2006 - 2028 to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination.

This follows the full council's endorsement of recommended amendments on Thursday, January 17th.

The report to full council updated growth projections as a result of the publication of the new population figures from the 2011 Census and the latest job figures from the Business Register Employment Survey for 2010-2011.

Other changes resulted from the comments of residents following the public consultation period that ran from June 28th until August 10th 2012.

There was full community engagement in the consultation with 797 individuals and organisations responding and a total of 2,418 points were raised.

The emerging plan is the council's guide to how the district should develop over the next 15 years.

The location for new housing, businesses and transport links is set out and where development should be located. General policies to shape decisions on planning applications are also set out.

The council's emerging plan, proposed amendments and evidence material have been submitted to the inspector appointed to examine the Local Plan.

A formal public examination will be held where individuals and organisations will have a further opportunity to address the inspector. This is expected to take place in May of this year.

A programme officer, Christine Self, responsible to the inspector and for organising the examination on the inspector's behalf has been appointed and will be shortly contacting all those who have made representations on the plan to inform them and the general public of what is happening.

She can be contacted on 01225 872654 or achris.self@gmail.com.

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader SSDC said: "South Somerset District Council has been working on the Local Plan for six years now and this is an important step towards getting the plan adopted.

"This will mean that everyone living and working in South Somerset will have a clear guide as to what development is needed and where it should go.

"This will make the council much less vulnerable to inappropriate and opportunistic development.

"Getting the balance right between growth and the environment will never be easy.

"The plan is about South Somerset being an area where we have homes and jobs that match the demand in a location where there is a real and continuous quality about the place we live in."

As with every stage of forming the Local Plan, all the submitted documents can be viewed on the council's web site: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/submissionlocalplan or at the main council offices at Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Cottage plan denied

SOUTH Somerset District Council has refused planning permission for the conversion back to two terraced cottages of the dwelling at 19 The Cross, Ilminster.

Development manager David Norris said: "The proposed development, as a result of the lack of off street parking provision, would be likely to encourage the additional parking of vehicles on the public highway, which would interrupt the free flow of traffic and thereby add to the hazards of highway users at this point."

Ilminster Town Council had recommended approval of the plan. The applicant has the right to appeal the decision.

Triathlon help needed

ORGANISER of the Crewkerne Junior Triathlon Eileen Mills, has requested more volunteers for the popular event this year.

The event takes place on June 30th. There were 112 entries last year with youngsters from eight to 14 taking part from across the south west, and some had to be turned away because there were not enough volunteers to help.

Eileen would like to stress the importance of keeping these events going, particularly as an Olympic legacy for young people who may have been inspired by our athletes.

Anyone who can help on Sunday, June 30th from 9am until 1pm on Henhayes field in Crewkerne, or who could sponsor some of the trophies. is asked to please call Eileen Mills on 01460 72417.

Excursion bus back

THE REGULAR excursion to Dorchester by South West Coaches to replace the previous 202 service, will run on the last Wednesday of each month starting next week on January 30th leaving Crewkerne at 10am.

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Cakes raise funds

■ **MEMBERS of Crewkerne Inner Wheel are pictured selling cakes in the Rotary Shop.**

Cake sales, takings from shop sales that day and a small top up from Crewkerne Rotary Club raised £200 for Riding for the Disabled's Henstridge Centre.

New look for town friendly map

A SMALL Crewkerne business is preparing to launch its free new-look friendly map of the town centre.

First created and released free to the public last year, by CrewkerneTown.org the original map quite literally draws out points of interest for visitors and the reverse side has contact details and lists businesses and shops in the town.

The new friendly map - which is drawn with a lively sense of humour by a professional, local artist - will take on a different look in its second edition and will promote some new features in the town.

Marcus Barrett, who created the independent website, CrewkerneTown.org in 2005 to help support small businesses in the area said: "The first Crewkerne friendly map was very popular it was a free handout available around the town and people like its informality combined with the usefulness of the information on the back. We also put an interactive version online which includes video and pictures and we had great feedback locally, from across Europe - and even from the United States. The new design will incorporate some changes, like the George Reynolds Centre, and will allow us to bring fresh things to the eyes of visitors and locals alike."

CrewkerneTown.org, which has also supported the town council with a free website and has helped to promote the Friends of Crewkerne Station, led the way, last year, with the first ever Crewkerne app, uniquely designed and programmed in the town and which promotes small businesses in Crewkerne.

Mr Barrett, whose family used to run a manufacturing business in the town, added: "One of the aims behind these fresh ideas to help support our town is that we wanted, as a small business from Crewkerne, to help support our local community but without taking any money from the taxpayer. The website and all the spin-offs are self-funding but do their bit to back Crewkerne."

The last few copies of the first friendly map can be found around the town and in the LIC in coming weeks and the interactive map can be found on CrewkerneTown.org.

County money for healthy walkers

■ **SUPPORTING HEALTHY ACTIVITIES: Sue and Mike Frackiewicz and Crewkerne health walkers accept £500 from county councillor John Dyke**

SOMERSET County Councillor for Crewkerne, John Dyke, presented £500 from his health and well-being budget to the Crewkerne Health Walk group.

The group began some years ago to encourage local people to take up regular walking for the benefit of their health and meets at the Aqua Centre every Tuesday morning at 9.30 to walk for an hour or so around Crewkerne, at the pace of the slowest walker.

They are led by Mike and Sue Frackiewicz, George Rawlings and Roger Carslake.

Once a month, walkers venture further afield using the Crewkerne Community Bus. There are usually about 20 in the group and new members are always welcome.

In the recent bad weather the group has stuck to walking around the town for safety reasons but in fine weather they explore local footpaths.

Councillor Dyke said until recently he hadn't realised the group existed and thought it wonderful that they turned out in all weathers for the benefit of their health and the companionship.

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Ten years of value from village shop

NOT JUST ABOUT GROCERIES: Winsham shop manager Denise Nicolls, chairman Denis McCullum and volunteer Chloe Beasley

WINSHAM village shop was one of the first 50 to become a community venture just over ten years ago and now is held up as a model for others to study when considering a similar scheme.

There are now 283 community shops across the country.

The villagers officially opened their community shop on September 8th 2002, initiated by Stella Abbey and Richard Rose. The shop had been facing closure.

The secret of their success is not only 3,000 lines of everyday items, many that compete in price with the supermarkets in town, but the number of volunteers and staff which enable them to be open 68 hours per week.

The village has had general store for over 100 years and when they were in danger of losing it, the residents knew the importance of the facility, not just as a provisions provider but as an important part of daily contact for many.

When Winsham Shop Ltd was formed they retained the shop manager Denise Nicholls and the steering group gained an ace up their sleeve when retired retail manager Roger Tett stepped up to help.

He said it keeps his brain working and was much better than being at home all day with little to do.

In the beginning he advised Denise to keep her ears and eyes open as to what the customers wanted in their shop. It turned out that Winsham are huge tea drinkers and they now stock an "astounding" variety of teas.

Funds were raised to set them up, through the selling of shares which match-funded grant money from the Village Retail Services Association and the Countryside Alliance, totalling £40,000, to buy the stock needed and do some work on the shop. There is also a Post Office which is run as a separate business in the back of the shop.

Denis McCullum has been the chairman for the last five years and as a resident of 25 years, became a shareholder early on in the campaign.

He said: "This is a thriving village and our success with the shop is largely down to our mix of volunteers who all have a part to play, some serving at the counter, others filling shelves or coming in early to sort the papers and there is a cleaning rota of eight to 12 people. When we opened there was a lady in her eighties who used to fill shelves.

"The volunteering also helps with our pricing structure, I insist the shop has to stand on its own feet but after ten years we have proven our worth. Part of the reason we are so successful is because we are in the centre of the village, if we should ever have to move it would be a problem. We are still selling shares and always welcoming new volunteers, ideally I would love us to be able to buy the building, as we are lucky at the moment with our landlords but it would be great to have complete control of our destiny."

With severe weather hitting the country this winter, the value of village shops like those at Winsham, Seavington and Thorncombe become more important, not just for supplies when the roads are blocked but to monitor the population. As Mr Tett pointed out, their 60 newspapers which are not delivered but collected by residents every day act as a tally. If a customer doesn't collect, someone will go to their home and check that they are alright and if someone in the village needs help, word soon gets around via the constant popping in and out of regular customers.

Fun with fundraising

FOR DISABLED RIDERS: Georgina Maynard welfare officer of the Isle Group presents a cheque to Averil Taylor from Chard and Axminster Riding for the Disabled

THE ISLE Group, Wadeford, raised £700 in 2012 for their two local nominated charities - the Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Club and the Chard and District Riding for the Disabled.

The funds were raised through coffee mornings, afternoon teas and a soup lunch. In addition £150 was raised for the Children's Hospice in December, when the group went carol singing around Wadeford.

A spokesperson for the group said they thoroughly enjoyed organising the events and would like to thank everyone who supported them in their efforts to support worthy causes.

Chard and District Riding for the Disabled organises sessions from March through to November for various age groups, for more information call 0845 241 4324

The After Stroke group meets in Chard Rugby Club on Tuesdays at 10.30am. It offers peer support, mind stimulating activities, talks and occasional outings to help stroke sufferers and their carers for information call Christine Williams on 01460 66631.

AFTER STROKE GROUP: Beverley Gibson, deputy chair of the Isle Group, Wadeford, presents a cheque for £350 to Jenny Fielder and Chris Williams for the Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Club

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By Marion Draper

THE first snowfall of the year came in the early hours of last Friday and was the perfect consistency for building, sending our readers into a flurry of creativity.

Snowmen and animals popped up all over *The Weekender* area after we set a challenge for the best snow sculpture.

There was a giant tortoise which took all the snow in the garden of the Bale family in Chard, and the Smillies of Crewkerne had a big polar bear sitting on their lawn. An unlikely creature to see in the snow - a camel - also popped up in Chard as the favourite animal of Roxy Smith.

The enthusiasm for the white stuff after months of rain was infectious.

Three-year-old Isabel Williams was out early with mum Zoe and built her snowman Simon at 8am.

The Spicer family were still at it after dark with blue hairspray used for the buttons and hair on their snowman and neon red hairspray for his mouth.

Thank you to all of you who rose to the challenge. The difficult decision of the best overall went to *The Weekender* editor, who thought they were all brilliant but the Bale family's giant tortoise was her favourite.

■ SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Chloe Wetherall and Nancy Sugar in Hewish, near Crewkerne

■ SNOW TORTOISE: Made by Justin Bale of Chard for his four snow angels, Chelsie (12), Jasmin (9), Paris (7) and Summer (4). Below, three-year-old Alex Lunn, from Chard, built a snow Gruffalo

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■ WOOFIN' COLD: Poppy and Maisie Banfield in Chard with their snow dog

■ FAVOURITE ANIMAL: Roxy and Maria Smith in Chard with a snow camel

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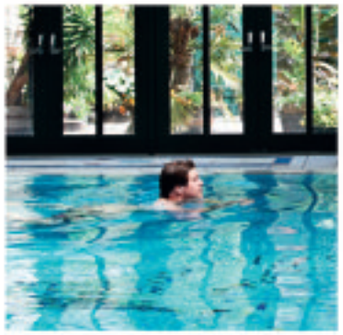

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■ CASHING IN: Ilminster Home Hardware partner Phillip Wyatt presents Sue Mattravers with her prize vouchers

From polish to pounds

A REGULAR trip to her favourite hardware store for cleaning products, led to a First Tuesday win for Ilminster resident Sue Mattravers , who scooped £100 worth of vouchers to be spent in local shops that take part in the monthly scheme.

The lucky winner said she was a regular customer of Ilminster Home Hardware, which was where the winning ticket came from for the second month in a row.

The monthly draw is free to enter to customers in of participating businesses and can be entered on the first Tuesday of each month.

Knowles knows his glass

A RECORD turnout of interested listeners filled the room at Monks Yard for a special talk organised by Neroche Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

New NDFAS lecturer, Eric Knowles, a familiar face from the BBC Antiques Road Show conducted a study day on Art Nouveau.

Over 70 people attended the event to hear the witty northerner talk on the subject which he said was his favourite style, along with Art Deco.

Mr Knowles commented that the facilities were very pleasant and his audience were: "Friendly folk who laughed in all the right places".

The antiques expert had brought along copies of his latest book, on Lalique glass but when asked what piece he would own if he could choose, he said: "I'd love a Tiffany lamp because they come alive at night. It's like having your own garden indoors, it can be snowing outside and summer in the corner of your living room."

Organiser Wendy Outram and NDFAS chairman Julie Fowler were delighted with the response to their celebrity lecturer, with many non-members joining them for the successful day.

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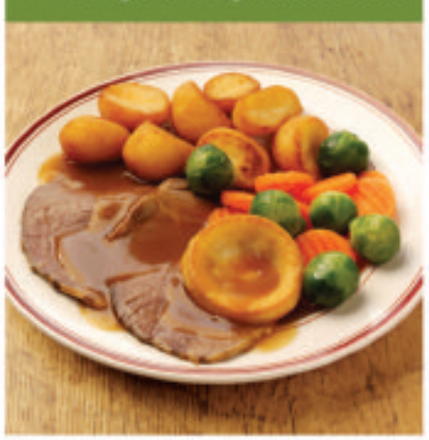

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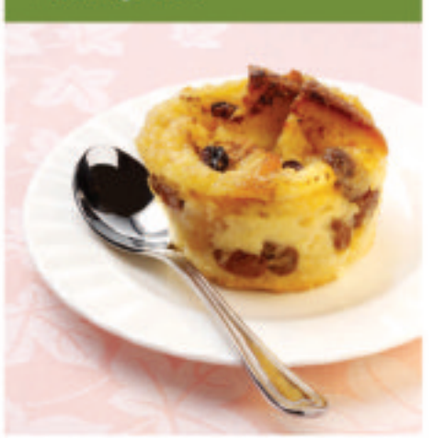

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The show goes on in honour of Tony

by Marion Draper

MUMMIES doing the Charleston and body popping in the bazaar (or was that bazaar body popping) can mean only one thing - the annual pantomime by Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society.

This year's stunningly colourful production, Ali Baba, which can still be seen this evening and tomorrow at 2.30pm and 7.30pm was definitely something a bit different.

CUDOS brought this ancient tale into the 21st century with some very modern references, such as the theives "from the hood" who incidentally provided a line of high kicks, an ancient tribe with a modern twist, some cameo celebs and a mix of rap and body popping by the comedy double Dilhi and Dalhi played by Taya and Charmaine Bray.

Martin Singleton was one of the biggest explosions of colour, so hidden in his outrageous wig and fifties glasses that the Dame Sali Baba, could have been hiding anyone under there. His booming voice taken to shrill tones was only surpassed by the other largest character on the stage - captain of the guard - played by well- known CUDOS leading man Richard Walters.

Diana Hodgson was a classic thigh slapping principal boy as the hero Ali Baba, thwarting the bad guy and getting the girl - in this case Princess Panceta, the demure Fiona Edgington.

As if there weren't enough stereotypes, which of course is the main stay of any panto, more comic input came from the unlikely pairing of Sali Baba's other son Benni, a slightly dense fun guy played by Lucy Perry and his ditzy girlfriend Shameez, hammed up wonderfully by Vikki Rolley.

The tale was dramatically strung together by Heidi Scott as Wafflah the wonderful character storyteller who popped up at some point on every scene. One of the not to be named cameo roles taken by Ian Scott, was superbly supported by Helen Wickens as Blodwen. It is always the little touches that make a production and facial expression, gestures and innuendo were all skilfully employed in the delightful production and the small group of children were fantastic. The Sultan Dave Phillips and his wife Monah, Rosa Atkinson, were good supporting roles as was the herald, Rob Stephens - perhaps all a little under used.

Sound, lighting and special effects all worked well together, at times adding to the drama and the comedy and congratulations to Serenaidh, the pantomime donkey for a very coordinated dance routine.

Tony English really pulled the scenery out of the hat on this one and the backdrops were superb. Sadly this was his last contribution to CUDOS whose members were shocked to hear of his sudden death on Wednesday morning. Producer Ann Brolly took the part of Ali on opening night, stepping in for Tony's daughter Diana who returned to the stage yesterday, and the cast all continued the show in his honour.

■ LIFE OF LUXURY: The Sultan- Dave Phillips and his wife Monah -Rosa Atkinson

■ THE HERO: Ali Baba, Diana Hodgson, popular with the ladies

■ PLAYING IT COOL: The thieves from The Hood

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Russell Kane performs at Bridport Arts Centre in Monday, April 8th from 8pm. Tickets are available now costing £17.50. For more details or to book visit www.bridport-arts.com or call 01308 424204.

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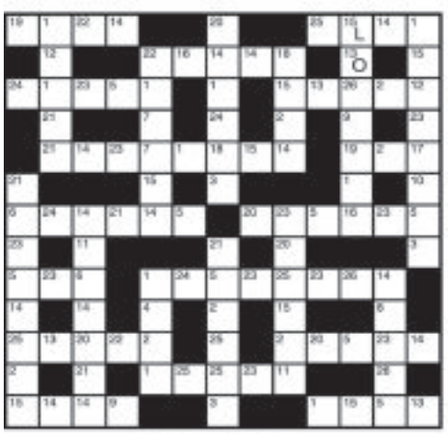
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Sounds like a narrow channel without curves (8)
5. A spot for a vertical descent (4)
9. Not bound to be without charge (4)
10. Replacement footballer to command group (8)
11. I'd come back with transport for this piece of furniture (5)
12. Remove what was once a religious article (7)
13. They have a stirring influence beneath the surface (13)
18. How large towns are populated? Hardly! (8)
19. A good deal of money on the carpet (4)
20. A place from which to direct what precis writers do (7)
21. Clean up the lottery (5)
22. Book coming my way? (4)
23. Star skater is out of place here (8)

Down

2. Twist - or it's no change (7)
3. To declare how old a person is - that's mean (7)
4. Those who are busy doing homework (5-6)
6. A second draft is made when the warder returns north (7)
7. The sea-trip could be ruined by them (7)
8. Kind of board for securing bricks (6)
13. In a high position to begin with, he's only just made good (7)
14. Drawing a grid differently before morning (7)
15. Go back to do some more sowing, we hear (6)
16. Authorise me to return to governing office (7)
17. They prepare the ground for producing steering devices (7)

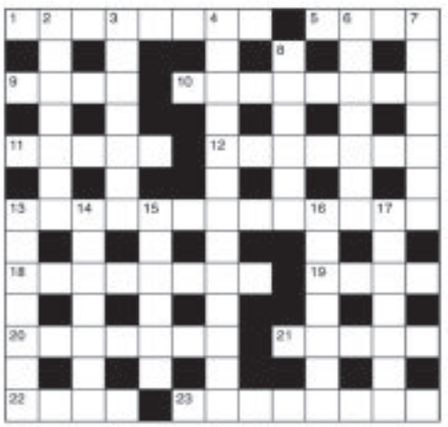
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Immaculate (8)
5. Disable (4)
9. Performs (4)
10. Artist's paint boards (8)
11. Droll (5)
12. Protection (7)
13. Make-shift (5,3,5)
18. Correct answer (8)
19. Defeat (4)
20. Exhausted (7)
21. Truck (5)
22. Resound (4)
23. Correctly (8)

Down

2. Small flute (7)
3. Trying (7)
4. Permanent rule (8,5)
6. Feeler (7)
7. Dominance (7)
8. Young cow (6)
13. Remainder (7)
14. Lot loose (7)
15. Detesting (8)
16. Clasp (7)
17. Plunder (7)



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Depart; 4 Paddle; 9 Paying through; 10 Thirsty; 11 Idler; 12 Agate; 14 Pesta; 18 Alone; 19 Cabinet; 21 Primogeniture; 22 Either; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Depots; 2 Physiognomist; 3 Runga; 5 Airline; 6 Double-tongued; 7 Exhort; 8 Stays; 13 The nose; 15 Sample; 16 Screw; 17 Stress; 20 Bill. QUICK - Across: 1 Repast; 4 Danger; 9 Circumference; 10 Precede; 11 Nurse; 12 Edict; 14 Dealt; 18 Occur; 18 Lucerne; 21 Filing cabinet; 22 Direct; 23 Invoke. Down: 1 Recipe; 2 Perpendicular; 3 Sauce; 5 Arrange; 6 General Franco; 7 Reeled; 8 Offer; 13 Chronic; 15 Doffed; 16 Slack; 17 Gentle; 20 Cabin.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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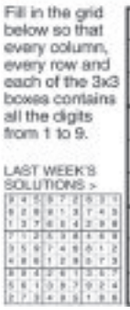

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Catherine Hodgson said: "Toby Kearney is a must for audiences of all ages. As a percussionist his technique is first class and the energy he puts into his performances makes for compelling and exciting entertainment. I particularly hope that lots of young people will come and see him, as I think they will find his style of music fascinating."

A graduate of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music, Toby Kearney already has a number of noteworthy performances behind him including the world premier of a percussion concerto by Matt Sergeant with conductor Clark Rundell and the RNCM Chamber Orchestra in 2007.

He played percussion solo in the UK premiere of Stockhausen's Lucifer's Dance with the RNCM Wind Orchestra as part of the Stockhausen KLANG festival in 2008 at the South Bank. In 2009, as part of the BBC Proms, Toby was broadcast live on BBC Radio 3, giving the UK premier of Michael Jarrell's Assonces VII at the RCM.

Toby plays with Dan Jones as DYAD Percussion Duo, who as winners of the RNCM concerto competition gave the UK premier of Avner Dorman's double percussion concerto Spices, Perfumes, Toxins! at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. The performance was later broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

Harvey Davies is well known as a chamber musician and accompanist, having worked with many eminent musicians including Atar Arad, Alison Balsom, Rebecca Evans, Janet Hilton, Guy Johnston and Jennifer Pike. He studied the piano with Helen Davies, David Parkhouse and Ryszard Bakst and is the founder and director of the Pleyel Ensemble, the pianist in Ensemble Cymru and staff pianist at the Royal Northern College of Music.

Catherine Hodgson said: "Toby's return to the West Country with Harvey Davies to form an exciting and dynamic percussion duo is not to be missed."

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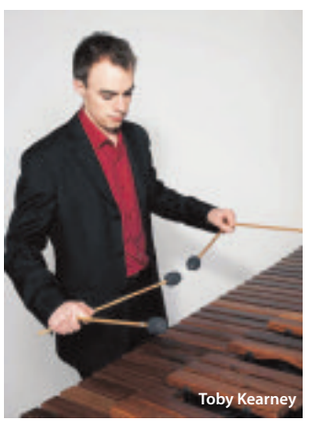
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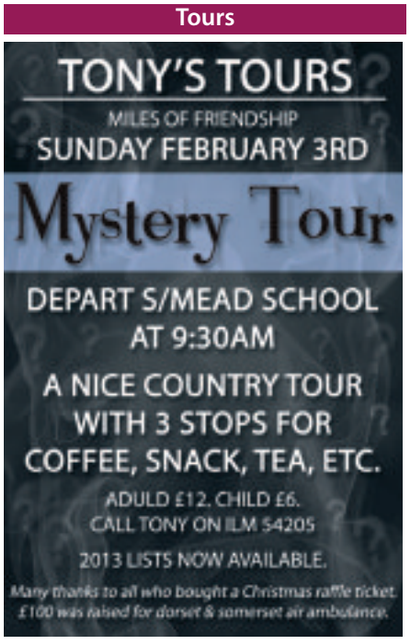

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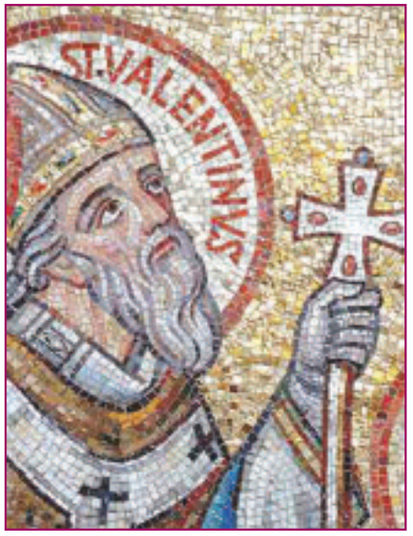
IN 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.



LOVE is in the AIR

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses

Most of you know that Valentines Day is supposed to be a day to declare your love. It is the holiday that sells the most the greeting cards with the exception of Christmas and it is also a holiday where gifts of chocolates, and flowers are freely and not so freely given as tokens of affection. Here are a few fact's about Valentine's day you may not know...

1. In reality, there were actually 3 St. Valentine's. One was a priest, one a bishop and one little is known about except he was a martyr. The stories of the priest's and bishop's martyrdom are so closely related it is difficult to tell which St. Valentine the Holiday is named after.

2. According to legend it was St. Valentine himself who sent the first valentine in the form of a letter to his jailer's blind daughter with whom he had fallen in love. Just before he was put to death at the hands of King Claudius II for marrying the kings soldiers without the king's permission he penned a note to his love and signed it: From your Valentine.

3. It is believed that a mount Holyoke college student by the name of Ester Howland created the first lace valentine in the United States from lace, ribbon and colorful pictures. She has become known as the Mother of the Valentine.

4. Teachers receive more valentine cards than anyone else, even children.

5. More than 650 million valentine cards are exchanged by children from ages 6-10 each year. Most of these cards are bought in the last 6 days leading up to Valentine's day.

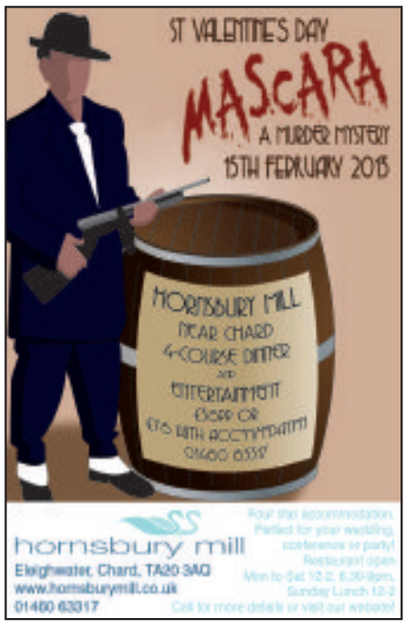
6. Each year the city of Verona Italy receives more than 1000 valentine's addressed to Shakespeare's Juliet. It really is amazing how much affection a dead fictional character can attract.

7. It was once believed that if a woman saw a flying robin on Valentine's day she would end up getting married to a sailor. If a sparrow was the bird she saw she would end up marrying a man that was poor and live a happy life, if she saw a goldfinch then she was to marry a man that was a millionaire. One can only wonder who she would marry if she saw a crow.

8. In 1929 at the height of prohibition Al Capone ordered the killing of members of a rival gang run by Bugs Moran in Chicago on Valentines Day. Authorities were unable to find any real evidence to tie Capone to the crime and he was never arrested or tried for the murder of these seven men. Instead he served his time for tax evasion.

9. More than 9 million pet owners buy gifts for their pets for Valentine's day. Now that is what can be called real puppy love.

10. It is estimated that 15% of the women in the United States who receive flowers for Valentine's day send them to themselves. There are no figures that tell how many of these women are married, single or in a relationship.



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Main Course
Filo Strudel with roasted seasonal vegetables
with vegetarian port sauce
Horseradish Baked Salmon
served with pan-fried savoy cabbage and roasted lemon potatoes

Desserts
Crispy Berry Stacks with Raspberry Coulis
a medley of berries layered with crispy filo pastry drizzled with homemade raspberry coulis
Chocolate and Banana Pudding
garnished with whipped cream, banana chip and chocolate shavings

To finish we have tea or coffee and choc mint crèmes

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UNTIL SATURDAY 26TH
CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents the pantomime Ali Baba at Victoria Hall. 7.30pm nightly, 2.30pm Saturday matinee. Tickets available from Crewkerne Town Hall call 01460 74380.

UNTIL SATURDAY 26TH
CHARD: Pantomime - CATS present Cinderella, at the Guildhall. Evening performances at 7.30pm plus a matinee performance on the Saturday at 3pm. Tickets on sale now at Barron's of Chard

FRIDAY JANUARY 25TH
TATWORTH: Film: Tortoise in Love (Cert 12A) shown at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm for 8pm start. Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.
ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group meeting at 7.30pm at Parish Room, North Street. In a lavishly illustrated presentation entitled "Picture a Bird", John Crabb will describe his progress in capturing images of birds in flight. He will reveal the novel techniques he has developed over the past four years. There will be an opportunity to purchase photos. Everyone welcome. £2 Adults, refreshments available.
ILMINSTER: Get up and Go Over 25s Party Night with DJ Gary Lawrence. At the Shrubbery Hotel from 8pmm til late. Members £3, non members £5.
CREWKERNE: Friday luncheon Club at Henhayes Community Centre. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and a chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged.

SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH
CREWKERNE: Coffee or tea and cakes, with the 100 Club Draw, at Henhayes Community Centre from 10am.
MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn, from 10am-11.30am. Lots of bargains. Tea and coffee served. Proceeds to Merriott Church. For more details call 01460 72704

TUESDAY JANUARY 29TH
CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they, like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time?
If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be. Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch.
All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged.
Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.
CREWKERNE: Computer Class for the confident and the terrified. 10am to 12noon, at Henhayes Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30TH
CREWKERNE: Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes. At Henhayes Community Centre.
CHARD: "Bubble & Speak" Community Kitchen Cook together- Chat together- Eat together. At the Guildhall from 11am to 2pm. For more information or to book your place please contact Kate Rew on 07826903948 Community grant from Somerset County Council.

THURSDAY JANUARY 31ST
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Illustrated Travel Talk; local resident Anne Mosscrop will recreate her '2002 Andes Trekking Adventure' at 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50 to include cheese & wine; proceeds to be shared between Christian Aid & Village Hall. All welcome; further details from 01460 74849.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
CREWKERNE: Friday luncheon Club at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and a chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged. Please phone 01460 74340 for details and to reserve a place.
ILMINSTER: Winners of the Care Focus Somerset award for Dignity in care, Hazelwell Lodge Specialised Residential Care home, are supporting National Dignity Action Day by holding a Balloon Release, coffee & cake stall in aid of the Alzheimer's society, in The Square in Ilminster from 9am. The homes dignity champions will be on hand for advice, and will be providing information on how we can all be aware of dignity and the way it can improve the lives of people using any care service

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH
CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they, like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time?
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All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged.
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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH - SATURDAY 9TH
COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Cloverleaf Productions present Yankee Doodle a wild west pantomime by Graham Barraclough at the village hall .Tuesday – Frida 7.30pm and Saturday 2.30pm amd 6.30pm. Tickets £6 adults, £4 children. Book your seats from Jan 14th at Combe Post Office

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
SOUTH PETHERTON: South Petherton Photographic Society presentation: 'Photographing stage productions' by David Meakin. David will talk about techniques used to photograph performers on stage or on a catwalk etc. This is a follow up on a request from one of our members. Cost including refreshments is £1.50 for members and £2.50 for non-members. At Methodist Church Hall from 7.30pm.
CLAPTON: Sew, knit and natter at Clapton & Wayfoord Village Hall from 10.30am. All welcome, for more details call 01460 72837.
CREWKERNE: Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes. At Henhayes Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH - SATURDAY 9TH
BARRINGTON: Barrington Players present 'Snow White' the pantomime. At Barrington Village Hall. 7.30pm nightly with 2.30pm Saturday matinee. £8 an adult, £6 a child (16 and under) £24 for a family ticket of 2 adults and 2 children. Bar available each performance. visit our website on www.barringtonplayers.co.uk

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Film Society showing 'North by Northwest' in the village hall. Doors open and tea/coffee and biscuits available from 7.30pm. Film starts 8pm prompt. New members always welcome, guest tickets may be booked in advance on 01460 74849 or 77062.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
CLAPTON: Lunch club at the village hall, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.
CREWKERNE: Friday luncheon Club at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and a chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged. Please phone 01460 74340 for details and to reserve a place.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH
CHARD: Chard Helmsted Society Quiz Night at the Lordleaze Hotel. Starts 7.30pm prompt and teams of four at £6 per team. Good prizes. Please book by calling 01460 62449.

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

LINCOLN 12A
IN 1865, as the American Civil War winds inexorably toward conclusion, U.S. president Abraham Lincoln endeavours to achieve passage of the landmark constitutional amendment which will forever ban slavery from the United States. However, his task is a race against time, for peace may come at any time, and if it comes before the amendment is passed, the returning southern states will stop it before it can become law. Lincoln must, by almost any means possible, obtain enough votes from a recalcitrant Congress before peace arrives and it is too late. Yet the president is torn, as an early peace would save thousands of lives. As the nation confronts its conscience over the freedom of its entire population, Lincoln faces his own crisis of conscience -- end slavery or end the war.

Stars Daniel Day-Lewis in the title role, Sally Field, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Tommy Lee Jones.

ZERO DARK THIRTY 15
MAYA is a CIA operative whose first experience is in the interrogation of prisoners following the Al Qaeda attacks against the U.S. on the 11th September 2001. She is a reluctant participant in extreme duress applied to the detainees, but believes that the truth may only be obtained through such tactics. For several years, she is single-minded in her pursuit of leads to uncover the whereabouts of Al Qaeda's leader, Osama Bin Laden. Finally, in 2011, it appears that her work will pay off, and a U.S. Navy SEAL team is sent to kill or capture Bin Laden. But only Maya is confident Bin Laden is where she says he is.

Stars Jessica Chastain, Joel Edgerton and Chris Pratt.

MOVIE 43 15
A SERIES of interconnected short films follows three kids as they search the depths of the Internet to find the most banned movie in the world.

All star cast includes Emma Stone, Stephen Merchant, Richard Gere, Seth MacFarlane, Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Naomi Watts, Anna Faris, Justin Long, Uma Thurman, Seann William Scott, Gerard Butler and Halle Berry.

THE LAST STAND 15
SHERIFF Owens (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is a man who has resigned himself to a life of fighting what little crime takes place in sleepy border town Sommerton Junction. Owens is in the town after leaving his LAPD post following a bungled operation that left him wracked with failure and defeat after his partner was crippled.

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Monster, Inc 3D U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.00
Sat & Sun: 11.10, 13.20
Quartet 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40
The Impossible 12A
Daily: 13.20, 18.20, 21.00
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plus Sat & Sun: 11.40, 14.40, 17.40, 20.40
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Daily: 13.30, 17.00, 20.30
Lincoln 12A
Daily: 12.40, 16.20, 19.40
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Tue: 12.00, 15.30, 17.00, 19.00, 20.30
Life of Pi *in 3D* PG
Daily: 14.50, 17.45, 20.45
Lincoln 12A
Daily: 13.40, 16.50, 20.15
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Parental Guidance U
Sat, Sun, Tue: 11.00am
Quartet 12A
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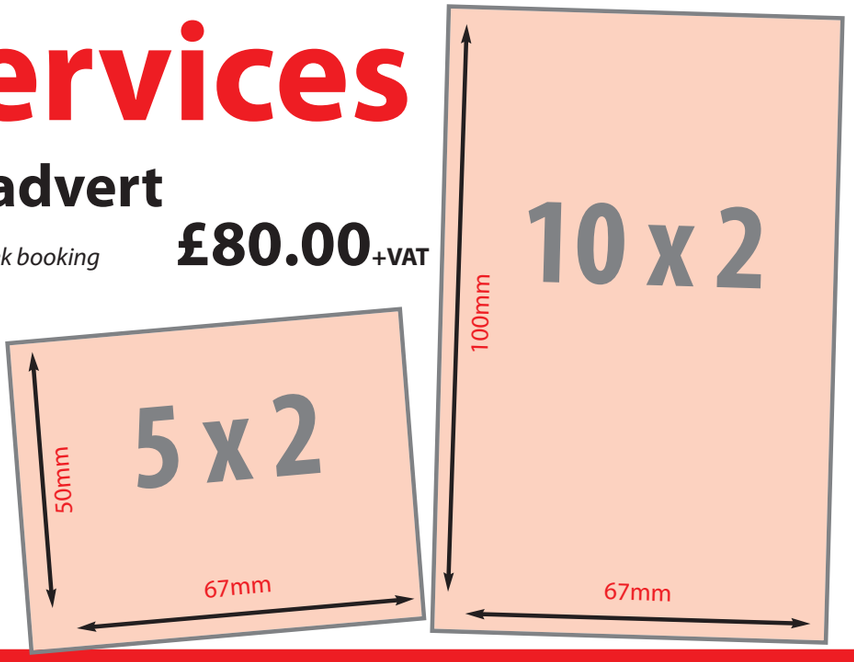

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- The expressive styling and driving position of an SUV,
- The cabin space and modular interior of an MPV,
- The agility and driving enjoyment of a compact hatchback.

Coming in the wake of Clio's renewal, Captur marks the next step in Renault's design offensive, under the leadership of Laurens Van den Acker.

"Renault Captur is a compact, unaggressive crossover which is particularly user-friendly. It benefits from Renault genes through and through…" Benoît Bochard, Director, A/B-Segment Product Range

Renault Captur, a crossover on the outside

Renault Captur's smooth, fluid, balanced forms express an assertive, yet unostentatious, personality. Its robust, upmarket look takes its inspiration from the Captur concept car, from which Renault has carried over both the spirit which guided its design, as well its evocative name. The lines of Renault's new crossover are unpretentious, yet the forward position of its steeply-raked windscreen emphasises its dynamic stance.

The combination of its compact dimensions, raised ground clearance, wide wheels and sill guards will enable it to take every aspect of everyday motoring in its stride.

Renault Captur will be easy to customise and notably comes with an original two-tone colour scheme which produces an attractive contrast between the roof and pillars and the rest of the bodywork.

Renault Captur, an MPV inside

Despite its compact footprint (4.12m in length), Renault Captur exudes a real sense of interior space. Its colourful cabin is warm and relaxing, and this first impression is reinforced by interior customisation solutions based around a choice of colours and motifs for the different trim features.

Renault Captur also boasts the appointments and comfort refinements expected of an MPV, such as a high-up driving position, large boot, modular interior and innovative stowage solutions.

The standard Renault Captur will have an equipment specification worthy of that of the next segment up, including hands-free entry, hill start assist and rear parking sensors. Also available will be the new, connected, in-dash Renault R-Link touchscreen multimedia tablet, plus a system that comprises six loudspeakers, Bluetooth® connectivity, audio-streaming and Arkamys® hi-fi sound.

Renault Captur, the agility and driving enjoyment of a compact hatchback

Renault Captur is based on the same platform as New Clio, acclaimed as a B-segment benchmark when it comes to driving pleasure. It consequently delivers best-level dynamics, from roadholding to engine response and agile handling.

The petrol and diesel engines available for the model benefit from the very latest Renault technologies and will return best-in-class fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, starting from as low as 96g/km.

Renault Captur will be manufactured at Renault's Valladolid plant in Spain and will be unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

▲ Renault Captur

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Hyundai i10 1.2 classic a 'Best Buy' city car at What Car? awards

- *Entry-level i10 awarded 'Best Buy' city car for cars under £9,000*
- *Hyundai's best-selling car continues winning ways*

THE Hyundai i10 1.2 Classic has been chosen as a 'Best Buy' city car for cars under £9,000, reinforcing its credentials as one of the standout performers in the segment.

Chas Hallett, Editor-in-chief at What Car?, said: "Buyers at this end of the market want value for money above all else, and that's something that the Hyundai i10 provides in spades. Despite the bargain price, the i10 is actually one of the sweetest-driving city cars there is. It has an impressive balance of ride comfort and cornering ability, which makes it feel very grown-up compared with most rivals. The i10 is also impressively practical for a city car, with decent space for four adults, great access to the cabin and a reasonable boot that can be extended by folding the rear seats.

The Hyundai i10 was the manufacturer's best-selling model in 2012 with sales in excess of 23,000 units for the year – a 13.5% increase on 2011. Furthermore, it was the second-best-selling car in the A-segment behind the Fiat 500 yet still outselling other mainstream offerings like the Ford Ka and VW Up.

Tony Whitehorn, President and CEO, Hyundai Motor UK, said: "We are delighted that the i10 has been recognised by What Car? in what is an extremely competitive market segment. The i10 is a hugely important car for us and continues the sell well on the strength of its value, ride comfort and the way it is built for purpose."

Seat Alhambra wins What Car? best MPV award for third consecutive year

ESTEEMED motoring consumer publication What Car? has crowned the SEAT Alhambra its best MPV for the third year running, lauding it as a "fantastic all-round package".

At a glitzy ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel, the amazingly practical MPV once again saw off the competition to become the people carrier that What Car? recommends most highly.

It is the 2.0 TDI CR 140 Ecomotive S model specifically that takes the prize, which is priced at £25,035 RRP OTR and boasts CO2 emissions of just 146 g/km with fuel consumption of 50.4 mpg combined.

What Car? Editor-in-chief Chas Hallett explained exactly why the Alhambra took first place, calling it "a fantastic all-round package, roomy enough for seven adults, good value for money, powerful and economical to run".

The Alhambra does indeed offer fantastic value for money. Priced from just £23,770 for a 1.4 TSI 150 PS in S specification, it seats seven adults in spacious comfort and features standard equipment including 16-inch alloy wheels, three-zone climate control, Bluetooth audio streaming, sliding rear doors, ISOFIX mountings for all five rear seats, and a Start/Stop System with Energy Recovery to save fuel.

SE specification adds 17-inch alloy wheels, leather steering wheel and gear knob covers, dark tinted rear windows, automatic lights and wipers, and cruise control, among a host of additional comfort and convenience features.

SE Lux specification is, as the name suggests, a luxurious package of equipment that includes leather upholstery, power operated tailgate and rear doors, a panoramic sunroof, heated front seats, and SEAT Media System 2.2 – a touch screen infotainment unit incorporating satellite navigation, DAB digital radio and a rear view camera.

Power stretches from 150 PS up to 177 PS, with the previous range-topping 170 PS 2.0 TDI unit now replaced by a 177 PS engine of the same capacity. It is available to order now with SE and SE Lux trim variants, and with DSG automatic as an option.

SEAT UK Managing Director Peter Wyhinny said: "With the quality of the competition in the MPV sector, we certainly weren't complacent about winning a third What Car? Best MPV award in a row – but we were quietly confident, given how many awards the Alhambra has already won.

"That the Alhambra is still top of the pile is a testament to its outstanding qualities and appeal as an overall package. As the What Car? experts have again recognised, the Alhambra offers family buyers an irresistible mix of performance, practicality and price.

"This is the twelfth award that the Alhambra has picked up in the UK, following its Auto Express Best MPV prize in 2012. That's an amazing achievement – but hopefully this is not the last prize we'll put in the Alhambra's trophy cabinet."

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COPA LOAD OF THE NEW SEAT ALTEA MODELS

FOLLOWING the hugely successful Copa editions of the Leon hatchback, SEAT is extending the great value trim level to the Altea and Altea XL ranges.

Depending on edition, Copa specification gives buyers equipment worth between £1,100 and £1,500 absolutely free of charge.

Two trim levels come to market: S Copa and SE Copa. Based on standard S and SE specifications respectively, their introduction also brings about a simplification of the Altea line-up: 'S Emocion' trim has been deleted from the range, along with the 1.4 85 PS and 1.4 TSI 125 PS petrol engines.

What remain are the most appealing Altea and Altea XL ranges ever offered. Both comprise S, S Copa, SE and SE Copa trims, and three engines: 1.2 TSI 105 PS, 1.6 TDI 105 PS, and 2.0 TDI 140 PS. DSG automatic is available as an option on either of the diesel engines.

Not only does this give buyers a simpler but far better equipped model range to choose from, it also means that every Altea comes with parsimony included. The lowest emitting model, the 1.6 TDI 105 PS Ecomotive, returns 62.8mpg combined and 119g/km CO2 emissions, putting it into VED Band C and giving it a BIK rating of just 17%. (See table below for full details.)

The specific equipment highlights of the S Copa and SE Copa editions are as follows:

S Copa

In addition to the standard S specification, S Copa adds 16-inch 'Elio' alloy wheels; a Bluetooth communication package including hands-free phone connection, steering wheel-mounted controls and two additional stereo speakers; dual-zone climate control; front fog lights with cornering function; cruise control; passenger seat height adjustment.

In total, that equipment has a recommended retail price of approximately £1,500, and it comes at no extra cost.

SE Copa

The already well-specified SE trim level is joined by the hugely impressive SEAT Media System 2.2 in SE Copa versions of the Altea and Altea XL. SEAT Media 2.2 incorporates satellite navigation, an SD card reader for music playback, a DAB digital radio tuner, Bluetooth hands-free phone operation and audio streaming, and a multi-function driver's display, all controlled via a five-inch colour touch screen.

Also added is a package that includes rear parking sensors, automatic windscreen wipers and lights, and an auto-dimming rear view mirror, bringing the total value of this additional specification to around £1,100.

"The Copa editions of the Altea and Altea XL really are no-brainers for the customer. After all, who doesn't like to get something for nothing?" said SEAT UK Product Manager James Buckell.

"But we haven't just added lots of equipment to the cars for the sake of it. Instead, we've listened to what our buyers really want and only added equipment that's of real use and value.

"It's for that same reason that we've simplified the range, giving customers a clear choice, with great value and low running costs assured on every model," he added.

The SEAT Altea boasts striking hatchback looks but offers higher than average headroom, meaning a capacious interior and excellent versatility. Its driving position is slightly raised compared to a typical family hatchback, providing great visibility while the car retains the engaging driving dynamics that SEAT is famed for.

The Altea XL goes a step further, boosting the 409-litre boot space of the Altea by 123 litres, resulting in a cavernous 532-litre cargo area and helping make it the perfect MPV for families that need great looks with their great space.

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bowls round-up

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

IN a very close match on Sunday Ilminster men won 59-50 against a competitive **County Under 25** team, Scores: Ilminster - Dave Collins, David Pugh, Andy Williams and Ian Lightfoot 20 C Harrod 17. Cliff Whelan, Gary Riste, Tony Cole and Barry Sims 12 L Hembrow 25. Roy Orme, John Pemberton, Dave Crouch and Kevin Hamilton 27 T Shattock 8.

An Ilminster **Ladies Triple** of Dot Whelan, Angie Watkins and June Checketts are through to the National Finals at Melton Mowbray on the 24th to 26th of February.

The trio qualified after winning the area final at Taunton Deane BC against a Donyatt team skipped by Carol Parsons by 28 shots to 12. Their opening match will be against a triple from Swale BC.

In the **Men's National Singles** Matt Hamilton won by 21 shots to 15 against S Hooper from Watchet BC to progress through to the 3rd round.

In the 2nd round of the **Men's County 4s**, an Ilminster rink of Gerry Morris, Ian Lightfoot, Jason Miles and Peter Mattravers won by 29 to 14 against a rink skipped by A Rendell from Watchet BC.

CHARD *with Sandra Sumpter*

IN the **East Devon short-mat League** Chard A played Hemyock in a one-sided match which ended in Chard A winning only one game. The final result was Hemyock 7 games (76 shots) to Chard A 1 (29 shots).

In the **Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples** Odcombe's unbeaten run finally came to an end after a tight game with Harlequins. All was level at eight ends with Odcombe one shot ahead before the final end.

Harlequins pulled out all the stops to finally win by a solitary shot at 15–14.

It was another unlucky week for Westway. They were thoroughly beaten 25–2 by Greyhounds. A similar story for East Coker who lost 20–6 to Canaries.

Hurricanes against Magpies was a close match up to the end eight.

After that point Magpies only managed to take one more shot finally losing 15–9.

Results: Greyhounds 25 Westway 2, East Coker 6 Canaries 20, Hurricanes 15 Magpies 9, Harlequins 15 Odcombe 14.

	Pld	+/-	Pts
Odcombe	13	74	22
Greyhounds	14	39	19
Harlequins	12	78	18
Hurricanes	13	18	18
Canaries	13	-21	12
Magpies	14	-9	7
Westway	13	-106	6
East Coker	13	-53	4

East Devon & District League

A'noon D3	Pld	+/-	Pts
CHARD B	6	182	8
Sidbury	5	50	7
CHARD A	3	86	4
Seaton Cliff C	5	-65	4
Colyton B	6	-178	4
Hemyock B	5	-75	3

angling ilminster

Ilminster AA - Sunday, January 20th
Dillington Pond, Somerset
Royal Oak Winter League - 4 fished

FREEZING temperatures greeted Ilminster AA members who met to fish round seven of the Royal Oak Winter League on Sunday.

The plucky anglers headed to Dillington Pond where hopefully they'd get a few bites.

If was quite hard going but everybody caught fish and Jamie Rich, fishing with maggot and caster at 10 metres, came out top on the day with 90 roach and perch for 5lb 14oz from peg 18.

Graham Field was second with 102 fish for 5lb from peg 20 and Robin Cox was third with 2lb 2oz from peg 17.

After seven matches and dropping the worst result, Rich still leads with 69 points followed by Field on 59 and Cox on 58.

There is a V.E.S. match next week and the draw is at the Royal Oak pub between 8.30 and 9am.

Result: 1 - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) - 5lb 14oz, 2 - Graham Field (Taunton) - 5lb, 3 - Robin Cox (Ilminster) - 2lb 2oz.

For the full match report go to www.against-menandfish.blogspot.com

KO cup finalists

■ The Chard & District Darts League first division individual knock-out competition was held on Monday, January 14th at Chard Rugby club.

An excellent venue brought a good turn out and a strong competition followed.

The best of five legs semi finals saw Darren Ayres beat Richard Samson and Nigel Druce beat Steve Burke.

Ayres went on to beat Druce in the final over the best of seven legs.

◆ Pictured left; Darren Ayres (black shirt) and Nigel Druce.

horse racing bob buckler stable

Mr Matt back in training

THE rain and now snow that has dogged all sport this winter has meant that most stables have struggled to get horses out *WRITES STUART BROOM.*

Local trainer Bob Buckler was no exception with a flurry of horses racing just prior to Christmas and in the New Year to take advantage of the small window of opportunity with better ground.

Although he has only had 68 runners with seven winners and a further 12 horses placed in the first half of the season, Buckler is well placed in the trainer's table with few if any above him with better stats for the number of horses, and many below him with more.

"There are a number of reasons besides the weather which has hampered us, but I am more than pleased with what we have achieved in the circumstances and there have been some excellent performances.

"The weather of course has affected all trainers, but it hasn't been the nicest ground and sometimes we have had to run horses in conditions that are not ideal for them.

"We also have a number of young horses in the stable this season that we are bringing on for the future, and not as many bog standard handicappers that would run regularly.

"I've only got about two thirds of the horses in work at the moment, so I think we have done quite well considering the number of horses."

Sulpius must take star billing winning four races in two months. Having taken 13 races to register his maiden victory at Fontwell in early November, he then won another three and finished second in four of his five subsequent races, the latest at Wincanton on January 5th.

Buckler announced that **Double Dizzy** was to retire after pulling up in the Haye Jousselin Chase at Auteuil in early November.

The 12-year-old owned by Martyn Forrester had run a brilliant race around the grueling course in heavy conditions before deciding he had enough with a circuit to go.

However they decided to give him one more race in the Glenfarclas Cross Country Handicap Chase at Cheltenham two weeks later, and although finishing tenth, again jumped brilliantly.

Seemingly enjoying his second flush of youth, a month later finished fourth in the handicap version of the Glenfarcas.

This earned him the chance to defend his Sussex National title at Plumpton in the New Year where he gave the impression of being on a training gallop finishing third behind a much younger horse in Well Respected.

The most recent runner for the stable was the impressive **Somerset Lias** making his debut on a racecourse in a bumper at Ludlow in a very high class race, and is one to look out for the future.

Meanwhile **Mister Matt**, one of the stables star performers is back in the yard following his winter break and looking for good ground in the spring.

■ **TOP PERFORMER:** Sulphius who won four races in two months for local-based trainer Bob Buckler despite the heavy ground. *Photo by STUART BROOM*

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT **puts CHARD TOWN'S MIKE HAWES** ***UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT***

Q How long have you been involved in local football? who have you played for or managed?

A About 30 years. I played for Wellington and Combe St Nicholas and managed Blackbrook, Merriott Rovers, the Perry Street League Representative sides, Chard Town 1st, Reserves, under 18s, and the Yeovil & District Representative under 13 and under 15 teams.

Q Who are the best three players you managed?

A Hung Dang, Andy Paul and Mark Parris.

Q And any memorable opponents?

A **Combe St Nicholas** when managing Merriott Rovers - every game was a cup final!

Q What was your favourite away ground?

A Huish – the **Yeovil Town** old pitch – I was lucky enough to play there twice, but lost both times.

Q Do any games or incidents stick out in your memory?

A My last season with Merriott Rovers when we didn't lose a league game and got to three cup finals including the Somerset Junior Cup Final against Henstridge (lost 1-0) and the Mavis Tate when we beat Bath (Westgate) 5-4 after extra-time - when we scored the fifth it was the first time we were in front.

Q Any words of advice for today's young players?

A Play as high as you can the dream can happen. **Chris Weale, Ben Hamer, Craig Alcock, Martin Crainie**, all played district football and are now playing league football. The next one to watch out for is 17-year-old Ryan Seager who is already playing for Southampton Reserves.

NEXT: MISTERTON FC's
CRAIG STUDLEY

skittles

ILMINSTER LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	8	76
Rockey's Rollers	8	65
Carnival Clingons	8	64
Nomads	8	51
Ashill Boys	8	46
Crown Royals	8	40
Hatch Beagles	8	39
Royal Oak Faces	8	32
Ashill Inn	8	19

Top score: D.Hutchins (Hatch Beagles) and S.Paul (Carnival Clingons) both 75.

Division Two result: Donyatt BC 374-2 Bell A 379-10 (S.Hooper 57).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	7	64
Bell & Crown	7	58
Bell A	7	54
King's Head	7	47
Wyndham Clang'	7	37
Wyndham Arms	7	31
Donyatt BC	7	28
Hatch Eggs	7	17

Top score: B.Venn (Cricketers) 64.

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	11	98
Muddled Men	11	86
Head Hunters	11	79
Coachmen	10	76
King Willy Dogs	11	75
Super Sexy Six	11	69
Royal Oak Drimpton	11	60
Football Club	11	55
Stray Cats	11	48
Nomads	11	36
The Fryers	11	32

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Rollers	12	83
Con Club Legends	12	79
Concorde	12	77
Raptors	12	77
Club Fixers	12	76
Sports 92	12	73
Brewers Bees	12	73
Perrott Monkeys	12	72
Skimmers	12	71
Fokkers	12	68
Pinbusters	12	60
Rug Rats	12	55

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Merriott Men	12	112
Muppets	12	109
Sandbaggers	12	81
The Likely Lads	12	79
Willy Low Flyers	12	77
Numpties	12	74
Chis Colts	12	71
Hung Like Horses	12	68
Kings Pick n Mix	12	52
Knappers	12	50
Rotary	12	46
Beer Leg Boys	12	45

rugby round-up and preview

Teams left champing at the bit

THE region's scheduled matches were all postponed last Saturday.

One game was played in Chard 1st XVs division (Tribute South-West 1 West) with Camborne beating the Wadebridge Camels 34-22 to move up to second spot.

Likewise, one game survived in Tribute Somerset 2 (South).

But it was a clash between two of the lower teams (therefore having little effect on runaway leaders Crewkerne!) with Minehead Barbarians beating Burnham-on-Sea 2nds 18-7.

No games were played down in the Tribute Somerset 1 and Somerset 3 (South) divisions.

Teams up and down the country will be hoping for a let-up in the weather ahead of tomorrow's fixtures.Chard 1st XV, currently lying in 10th spot, entertain eighth-placed Clevedon.

Chard came out on top 20-12 in the reverse fixture back in October. The hard-fought encounter saw Steve Broome's side trail for 65 minutes before edging home.

Meanwhile, Crewkerne head off to Cheddar Valley.

Stuart Kingston's side were awarded a walkover win when the two sides were due to meet at Sharpham Road.

Finally, theres a Somerset divison 3 (South) local derby at Park field with Chards entertaining Crewkerne 2nds.

Promotion-hunting Chard held sway in the reverse clash winning 53-19 at Henhayes.

Tomorrow's matches

Chard 1st XV - home v Cleveland (2.30pm ko).
Chard 2nd XV - away v Yatton II.
Chard 3rd XV - home v Crewkerne II (Crewkerne Road Ground - 2.30pm ko).
Crewkerne 1st XV - away v Cheddar Valley.
Crewkerne 2nd XV - away v Chard III.

CURRENT TABLES

Tribute SW 1 (West)	Pld	+/-	Pts
North Petherton	15	217	61
Camborne	17	132	56
Old Redcliffians	15	164	53
Thornbury	16	23	46
Wadebridge Camels	17	61	44
Cullompton	16	72	41
Cleve	15	-46	33
Clevedon	16	-46	33
Sidmouth	15	24	32
CHARD	15	-22	29
Paignton Saxons	14	-113	28
Oldfield Old Boys	16	-64	27
Bridgwater & Albion	16	-146	26
North Dorset	15	-257	14

Tribute Som 2 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
CREWKERNE	13	491	63
Cheddar Valley	14	483	54
Taunton III	13	197	48
Somerton	14	79	46
Burnham-on-Sea II	15	-44	39
Ivel Barbarians	14	44	31
Wiveliscombe II	13	148	30
Tor II	14	16	26
Wyvern	13	-170	26
Bridgwater & Alb III	14	-231	15
Minehead Barb II	14	-116	11
Martock	14	-625	7
Morganians	11	-272	0

Tribute Somerset 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bristol Barbarians	16	528	69
St Bernadettes OB	15	542	67
Clevedon II	16	226	55
Old Redcliffians III	14	34	44
North Petherton II	15	9	40
Midsomer Norton II	15	-31	39
Castle Cary	15	-55	38
CHARD II	14	52	35
Wellington II	15	-57	34
Old Sulians	16	-112	34
Wells II	15	-298	20
Yatton	16	-395	15
Bridgwater & Albion II	15	-257	11
Walcot II	15	-186	5

Tribute Som 3 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets III	9	297	40
CHARD III	9	56	30
Wells III	7	65	26
Wellington III	9	106	14
Castle Carey II	8	-145	12
CREWKERNE II	9	-180	11
Yatton III	8	28	10
Minehead Barbarians III	9	-76	5
North Petherton III	9	-83	1
Tor III	9	-68	-1

darts chard & district

Premier Division Results (January 21st): BDBs 19 Pig Jockeys 8, High 4 & A Half 17 Slaps Lot 13, New Order 18 Hobnobs 8, Phoenix Poppes 14 Hopefuls 16.

Premier	Pld	Pts
Scrum Down	11	225
BDB's	13	217
New Order	13	214
Slaps Lot	12	190
High 4 & A Half	11	162
Hopefuls	13	157
Hobnobs	13	152
Phoenix Poppes	12	143
Pig Jockeys	13	136
Best of A Bad Lot	12	111
Pop Darts	11	107

◆ **Stat leaders:** Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & Half) 6. Best shot-out: Shane Mears (Hobnobs) Mark Pearce (Hopefuls) both 160.

Division One: Double Trouble 2 Clubbers 15.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Clubbers	12	169
The Downs	10	108
Madhouse Crew	11	108
The Pirates	11	102
Happy Sharks	10	99
PA's	10	93
Dix with Chix	10	87
Stumpy's Gang	9	84
Double Trouble	10	80
Two Minute Crew	9	56

◆ **Stat leaders:** Most 180s: Richard Sansom (Clubbers) 3. Best shot-out: Shane Goodall (Madhouse Crew) 157.

Division Two: Phoenix Flyers 5 From Small Acorns 13.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
From Small Acorns	11	141
Cult of Personality	9	130
Rare Breeds	9	104
Red Devils	10	102
Broken Arrows	10	97
Phoenix Flyers	11	91
Dizzy Tarts	10	73
B's Knees	10	63
Winning Team	8	62

◆ **Stat leaders:** Most 180s: Matt Elliott (From Small Acorns) and Barney Haydon (Winning Team) both x1. Best shot-out: Luke Napper (From Small Acorns) 110.

Swimmers shine at opening Club Gala

CHARD & District Swimming Club held their first Club Gala of the year at Flamingo Pool in Axminster last week with Swimmers ranging from 7 to 16 years taking part *writes Hannah Pullinger*.

Some excellent swims secured Bronze Speed badges for 9 and under swimmers Jimmy Brett and Millie Downes swimming under 20 seconds in the 25m free for the first time, and a Silver Speed Badge for Ben Greenslade 12, in the 50m freestyle, for swimming under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also 50 Somerset County qualifying times achieved at the Gala. (Regional and National qualifying times cannot officially be achieved at this level of competition).

RESULTS - 8 & under events

Boys 25m Back: 1st Matthew Humphreys, 2nd Jack Morgan, 3rd Adam Rens, Breast: 1st Adam Rens 2nd Matthew Humphreys, Girls 25m Fly: 1st Jasmine McAuley, 2nd Catherine Webb, 3rd Daisy Russell, Free: 1st Jasmine McAuley, 2nd Catherine Webb, 3rd Daisy Russell.

Girls 50 Breast - Open: 1st Tessa Down, 2nd Melissa Hanson, 3rd Lauren Harrison, 13/14 Years: 1st Elisha Hawkins, 2nd Abi Bonning, 3rd Florence Swan, 12 Years: 1st Jess Patch, 2nd Jess Fowler, 3rd Nancy Doble, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Daisy Brett, 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 2nd Harriet Copeman, 3rd Natasha Dower, 9 Years: 1st Millie Downes, 2nd Abi Greenslade, 3rd Abbie Herbert

Boys 50 Fly - Open: 1st Luke van den Barselaar, 2nd Daniel Andrews, 3rd Joe Spurway, 13/14 Years: 1st Iain Ross, 2nd Lewis Pearson, 3rd Ben Greenslade, , 12 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Simon Davis, 11 Years: 1st Leo Bonning, 2nd Oliver Bright, 3rd Michael Moulding, 10 Years: 1st Oscar Rens, 2nd Daniel Humphreys, 3rd Will Hawkins, 9 Years: 1st Cole Dickinson, 2nd Jimmy Brett, 3rd Joe Shrubb.

Girls 200 Back - Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Tessa Down, 3rd Lauren Harrison, 13/14 Years: 1st Elisha Hawkins, 2nd Susan Ross, 3rd Florence Swan, 12 Years: 1st Jess Fowler, 2nd Jess Patch, 3rd Ella Hawkins, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Daisy Brett, 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 2nd Harriet Copeman, 9 Years: 1st Millie Downes, 2nd Mia Huntley.

Boys 200 Breast - Open: 1st Luke van den Barselaar, 2nd Wilf Gosden, 3rd Jamie Pullinger, 13/14 Years: 1st Iain Ross, 2nd Tom Simpson, 12 Years: 1st Leo Kindred, 2nd Henry Taswell, 3rd Simon Davis, 11 Years: 1st Leo Bonning, 2nd Michael Moulding, 3rd Oliver Bright , 10 Years: 1st Oscar Rens, 2nd Will Hawkins, 3rd Ben Webb, 9 Years: 1st Joe Shrubb, 2nd Cole Dickinson, 3rd Simon Law.

Girls 100 Fly - Open: 1st Tessa Down, 2nd Melissa Hanson & Billie-Jo Dance, 13/14 Years: 1st Elisha Hawkins, 2nd Susan Ross, 3rd Florence Swan, 12 Years: 1st Jess Patch, 2nd Jasmine Voysey, 3rd Jess Fowler, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Holly Dickinson, 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 9 Years: 1st Abbie Herbert, 2nd Posy Doble.

Boys 100 Free - Open: 1st Luke van den Barselaar, 2nd Daniel Andrews, 3rd Joe Spurway, 13/14 Years: 1st Iain Ross, 2nd Lewis Pearson, 3rd Ben Greenslade, 12 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Simon Davis, 11 Years: 1st Leo Bonning, 2nd Joss Copeman, 3rd Oliver Bright, 10 Years: 1st Oscar Rens, 2nd Will Hawkins, 3rd Ben Webb, 9 Years: 1st Jimmy Brett, 2nd Cole Dickinson, 3rd Joe Shrubb.

Boys 200 Individual Medley - Open: 1st Luke van den Barselaar, 2nd Joe Spurway, 3rd Jamie Lillington, 13/14 Years: 1st Iain Ross, 2nd Lewis Pearson, 3rd Ben Greenslade, 12 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Simon Davis, 11 Years: 1st Leo Bonning, 2nd Oliver Bright, 10 Years: 1st Oscar Rens, 2nd Daniel Humphreys, 9 Years: 1st Jimmy Brett.

Girls Novice 25m - 1st Millie Downes, 2nd Briana Barrand, 3rd Mia Huntley, Girls Novice 50m -1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Jess Fowler, 3rd Sarah Underwood.

Boys Novice 25m -1st Jimmy Brett, 2nd Cole Dickinson, 3rd Joe Shrubb, Boys Novice 50m 1st Ben Greenslade, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Simon Davis.

◆ ***Anyone interested in joining Chard & District Swimming Club please contact the web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk***

■ **SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH: December's winners - Melissa Hanson (15) and Luke van den Barselaar (17).**

tennis yeovil mixed

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Sherborne	7	43
Melcombe Regis	7	43
Martock A	7	42
Ilminster	7	37
Yeovil A	6	31
South Petherton	6	18
Martock B	6	16

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Misterton A	5	46
Somerton A	6	40
Weymouth A	6	27
Chard A	5	20
Beaminster A	5	20
Yeovil B	5	7

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Wincanton A	5	36
Somerton B	5	35
Yeovil C	5	27
Bridport	5	17
Chard B	4	13
Martock C	4	12

Division 4	Pld	Pts
Martock D	5	39
Wincanton B	6	32
Weymouth B	5	25
Misterton B	4	23
Somerton C	5	19
Beaminster B	5	12

No result info;
Week 8: Division 2 - Yeovil B v Misterton A.
Week 9: Division 1 - Martock A v Martock B, Sherborne v Ilminster, Division 2 - Somerton A v Yeovil B.

racing wincanton

NEXT month (Saturday, February 16th) Wincanton Racecourse stages its top race the historic Grade 2 Bathwick Tyres ***Kingwell Hurdle****,a key trial for the Stan James Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.*

The £60,000 prize fund is guaranteed to attract the best two-mile hurdles in the business doing battle to join a roll of honours that includes Kribensis, Alderbrook, Hors La Loi III, Katchit and Punjabi who have used the race as a stepping stone to Cheltenham glory.

Gates open on Saturday, February 16th at 11.30am with the first race at 1.20pm.

Tickets are available from £14 when booked in advance on 0844 5793014 or www.wincantonracecourse.co.uk with complimentary entry to children under 17-years when accompanied by an adult.

GLOVERS NEWS

New book celebrates Glovers first decade

YEOVIL Town Football Club is delighted to announce that they will be producing a limited edition commemorative book to celebrate ten years in the Football League.

The book, out in November, will be a very special publication to celebrate the successful decade and will feature many of the stars that helped that success along the way as it tells the story of life at Huish Park from 2003.

500 copies

It is hoped that Yeovil Town first team manager Gary Johnson will sign each copy of the book which will be strictly limited to a print run of just 500 copies.

Written by lifelong fan and freelance writer Martin McConachie, and produced by official programme designers Hops Design, it will focus on the matches, the players, the managers and the personalities at the club and will include exclusive interviews with all four of the Glovers' Football League managers.

Each of the ten Football League seasons will be covered in detail as will the ten biggest games along the way plus there will be special, select interviews with three of Yeovil's marquee players of the decade.

Famous faces from the world of football will also be getting involved as will some of Yeovil Town's loan stars and there will also be personal testimonies from some of the Town's fans.

supporters contribution

There will also be the chance for Yeovil Town supporters to make a fantastic contribution to the unique book.

Starting on Monday, February 4th and running for eight weeks, Glovers fans will be able to choose their own "Team of the Decade" to feature in the book.

Voting on each of the positions will run for one week only and we will showcase the final 11 players in 4-4-2 formation when the book is published later in the year.

There will be much, much more within the pages that will tickle and touch in equal measure.

The book is sure to become a keepsake to those supporters keen to remember the first ten years of Yeovil Town in the Football League.

So stay in touch with the club's official website, the Facebook page and the Twitter feed for details on how to vote in this exciting competition.

You can also reserve your copy of the book by emailing book@ytfc.net.

cricket north perrott

3rd XI join Somerset League

Following on from the success of last season when North Perrott's Cricket Club's two Somerset League sides both gained promotion, the club has entered a 3rd XI who will compete in division 9 South-East.

The league is structured regionally to minimise travelling and will ensure local encounters with the likes of Chard 750, Ilminster 4ths, South Petherton 2nds and Broadway & Horton 2nds.

With more players than teams last season and an outstanding bunch of junior cricketers coming through, the club hope to merge experience with youth in filling the 3rd XI.

That said any players in the area who would like to join the club and play at any level would be very welcome and winter nets begin in earnest on Sunday, January 27th at Perrott Hill School. Contact either Phil Spurway on 01460 77104 or Gordon Whorlow on 07875370212 for further details.

◆ The club has a team of runners in the upcoming (March 24th) Yeovil half-marathon who will be running to raise funds for Devon & Somerset Air Ambulance and club funds.

◆ ***The bad weather forced the postponement of Somerset Cricket Club's AGM on Wednesday.***

Somerset Senior football

The lay-off goes on

ALL of the regions' senior football sides had their games postponed last Saturday.

Chard Town were due to travel to face Elmore on Wednesday evening but this too was called-off.

Its obviously not looking good again for tomorrow but you never know!

Chard will have fingers crossed that Westbury United can battle their way through to Zembard Lane.

The White Horse men have had a difficult season and are currently 16th in the Toolstation division one having collected just asolitry point from their last four outings.

By contrast Chard goe into the game (3pm ko) brimming full of confidence on the back of an impressive 11-game unbeaten run.

The Somerset League was completely obliterated.

Ilminster Town will hope to return to action tomorrow with a trip to face Odd Down Reserves.

After a tricky start the Bath-based side have won five of their last six.

But a victory for the Blues, currently 11th, will see them burst back into the top half of the premier division table.

In diviison two (wes) Combe St Nicholas welcome Wells City Reserves.

Down in the Devon & Exeter League Witheridge closed the gap on leadesrs **Chard Town Reserves** and Sidbury United with a 5-0 win at Colyton - but at a cost as they lost captain Jason Manley (broken leg) and Jack Woodman (knee ligament) with long-term in juries.

The Robins have no scheduled game tomorrow.

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up the Perry Street & District League

Fixture pile up set to continue

More cancellations likely tomorrow

Devon Intermediate cup
Eastern section semi-final
OTTERTON 3 FARWAY UNITED 1

FARWAY United were the only Perry Street League in competitive action as they headed off to face evon & Exeter League division seven promotion chasers Otterton with a place in the Devon Intermediate cup Eastern section final at stake.

Farway opened the scoring in the 11th minute when top-scorer Andy Dymond netted his seventh goal of the season.

But the Otters were level soon afterwards when stand-in Farway 'keeper Ernie Stobbs' attempted clearance struck the hosts' Ryan Mitchell and rebounded into the net.

Otterton skipper Liam Mitchell edged his side in front 10 minutes before the turnaround the killer third goal came against the run of play after the restart and, despite plenty of territorial advantage, Farway couldn't breakthrough.

Farway manager Paul King was realistic about the result, he said: "We had both our 'keepers, Greg McCollum and Dave Summers unavailable and no Dave Laramy but they (Otterton) deserved their win.

"Despite going in front we just didn't seem up for it – it was almost as though we didn't think the game would be on and had the wrong mindset."

◆ **League news**: It's all change at Ilminster Town.

The Blues' Reserve team manager Carl Lazenby has resigned to concentrate on just play. Lazenby's place in the dug-out will be taken by Matthew 'Sid' Brown who is stepping up from the club's fourth team who he led to promotion from division four last season.

Meanwhile, promotion at work and subsequent move to London means the club's Colts (third team) manager Dan Haines is also stepping down.

Elsewhere, Russell Gage has transferred back to Thorncombe after a brief stint with Perry Street.

◆ The **John Fowler cup final** at Bridport between Ilminster Town A and Millwey Rise Reserves scheduled for Thursday was postponed.

PREVIEW

THE combination of snow and waterlogged pitches led the Perry Street & District league officials to break from the norm and call-off the entire league and cups programme last Friday afternoon.

This was the third time this season that the fixture list has severely hit and fixtures secretary Mark Brunt may soon be scratching his head as to how he will be able to fit the outstanding matches in the remaining 16 weekends of the season.

This coming weekend, hopefully, brings a host of intriguing fixtures for the region's clubs.

At risk of repeating myself, it's already very doubtful whether many of these will go ahead.

PSDL fixture secretary Mark Brunt has circulated an email stating: "Given the pressure the weather has placed on some teams to now get through their fixtures we would be grateful if Clubs could do all they can to help keep on track.

"On this note I would like to thank Crewkerne Town and Drimpton who have withdrawn their free date requests for 2nd February to help get extra fixtures out the way.

"Given it is not looking too good for a full programme again tomorrow changes may be required again, so should you see your club without a fixture do not assume you won't have one.

"Any amendments will be notified as soon as possible."

County cups

WITH the draw for the quarter-finals having taken place recently, all three of the PSDL teams still involved in the Junior cup will now know that they face away ties in the last eight should they progress from tomorrow's round four ties.

Combe Reserves entertain mid-Somerset League division one outfit Meadow Rangers while Shepton Beauchamp and Ilminster Town Reserves are both on the road.

Ilminster face arguably the toughest task when they travel to face unbeaten Taunton League division one leaders Staplegrove, while Shepton head north to take on Bridgwater Sports, currently lying mid-table in the same division.

◆ **QUARTER-FINAL DRAW** (February 9th): Tor FC or Weston Players FC v StaplegRove or Ilminster Town Reserves, Bishops Lydeard Reserves v Bridgwater Sports or Shepton Beauchamp, Ilchester Juniors v Combe Reserves or Meadow rangers, Stoke-sub-Hamdon v Locomotives FC or Victoria Sports FC.

Down in the Intermediate cup Combe A entertain Taunton & District League division two strugglers Staplegrove FC Reserves at Slades Cross with a place in the last eight at stake.

PSDL Knockout cups

WINSHAM United entertain Crewkerne Town in a **Challenge cup** quarter-final at Baker's Field.

Games between these two have been closes affairs of late with just one goal deciding their last five encounters.

The winners will face either Shepton Beauchamp or Perry Street in the semi-final.

Dowlish & Donyatt begin their defence of the **Jack Venn cup** with a trip to Charmouth.

The Robins stunned top-of-the-table Dowlish with a fine 3-2 win in the corresponding league game at Barrs Lane just three weeks ago.

Whoever comes out on top will entertain Ilminster Town Colts in the semi-finals.

Its quarter-finals day in the Kenny Hodges cup. Tie of the round is at Horseshoe Lane where Thorncombe Reserves lay in wait for Combe B.

Four of the last five games between the pair have ended in draws.

Elsewhere, look out for two away wins as Shepton Reserves visit Chard Rangers Reserves and Barrington Reserves travel to Kingsbury Episcopi.

League games

IN the day's only premier division match Perry Street, unbeaten in four at the Tatworth home, have a league double in their sights as they welcome South Petherton.

Pethy, beaten 5-4 in the reverse fixture at Lightgate Lane, will be looking to end a winless run that stretches back to October.

Game of the day in **division one** is at Unity Lane where top-of-the-table Misterton welcome Netherbury.

It's almost a year to the day since Missy lost a league game. But the Ambers have a decent record agaisnt Adge Diment's side and have scored three in each of the meetings since Misterton were relegated from the premier division.

Form team (if there is such a thing at the moment!) West & Middle Chinnock travel to improving Beaminster Reserves on the back of six successive victories.

Meanwhile, despite and indifferent spell Forton Rangers could leap back up into the top three with victory over lowly South Petherton Reserves.

Barrington may have something to say about that; Gary Stranger's side entertain struggling Lyme Regis Reserves.

PICK OF THE LEAGUE

PSDL pick-of-the league manager Karl Diment has picked the following squad for Sunday's Mavis cup-tie against the Yeovil Sunday League at South Petherton (2pm kick-off); *Murray Legg (Beaminster), Jamie Spurdle, Jason Manley, Ed Butcher (all Crewkerne Town), Will Meech, Mark Bailey, Adam Caddy, Dan Rudge (all Lyme Regis), Sam Dibling and Callum Somers (both Millwey Rise), Kris Hastings (Shepton Beauchamp), Joe Simmons, John Simmons, Garry Warren, Shane Partridge (all Winsham United), Josh Dear (South Petherton).*

FIXTURES
Saturday, January 26th
(all 2pm kick-off unless stated)
Devon Intermediate (East) SF
Millwey Rise v Sampford Peverell
Somerset Junior (1.45pm)
Bridgwater Sports v Shepton Beau
Combe Res v Meadow Rangers
Staplegrove v Ilminster Town Res
Somerset Intermediate
Combe A v Staplegrove Res
Challenge Cup – Quarter-finals
Lyme Regis v Farway United
Winsham Utd v Crewkerne Town
Jack Venn R1
Charmouth v Dowlish & Donyatt
Kenny Hodges Cup – QF
Chard Rangers Res v Shepton Res
Kingsbury Ep v Barrington Res
Thorncombe Res v Combe B
Uplyme Res v Farway Utd Res
Premier
Perry Street v South Petherton
Division One
Barrington v Lyme Regis Res
Beaminster Res v W & M Chinnock
Crewkerne Res v Perry Street Res
Forton Rangers v South Peth Res
Misterton v Netherbury
Division Two
Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme
Ilminster Colts v Thorncombe
Waytown Hounds v Chard Rangers
Division Three
Chard Utd Res v Winsham Utd Res
Drimpton v Hawkchurch Utd
Ilminster Town A v Misterton Res
Luso-Chard v Millwey Rise Res
Lyme Bantams v Hinton
Sunday, January 27th
Perry Street & District League XI v Yeovil Sunday XI *(at South Petherton, 2pm ko)*

PSDL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Beaminster	10	6	3	1	10	21
Lyme Regis	9	6	2	1	14	20
Winsham United	8	6	2	0	11	20
Crewkerne Town	7	4	0	3	4	12
Combe Reserves	10	3	2	5	0	11
Perry Street	9	3	2	4	-7	11
Millwey Rise	5	3	1	1	9	10
South Petherton	10	3	0	7	-9	9
Shepton Beau	10	2	3	5	-10	9
Ilminster Town Res	7	0	3	4	-10	3
Farway United	7	0	2	5	-12	2

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Misterton	10	7	3	0	20	24
Barrington	11	7	0	4	11	21
W & M Chinnock	9	7	0	2	11	21
Netherbury	9	6	2	1	18	20
Forton Rangers	10	6	1	3	9	19
Perry Street Reserves	9	2	2	5	-11	8
Beaminster Reserves	11	2	2	7	-12	8
Crewkerne Town Res	12	2	1	9	-15	7
Lyme Regis Reserves	7	1	3	3	-6	6
South Petherton Res	8	1	0	7	-25	3

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	7	1	3	12	22
Chard United	11	6	3	2	14	21
Uplyme	9	5	4	0	22	19
Waytown Hounds	12	5	2	5	-12	17
Charmouth	11	5	1	5	-7	16
Pymore	9	4	2	3	18	14
Thorncombe	10	4	2	4	0	14
Crewkerne Rangers	7	4	0	3	3	12
Ilminster Town Colts	10	2	1	7	-18	7
Chard Rangers	12	1	0	11	-31	3

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	11	10	1	0	30	28*
Combe A	11	8	1	2	21	25
Winsham Utd Res	11	7	1	3	21	22
Millwey Rise Res	11	5	2	4	18	17
Drimpton	8	5	2	1	16	17
Ilminster Town A	11	4	2	5	3	14
Lyme Bantams	10	3	3	4	1	12
Hinton St George	13	3	2	8	-36	11
Hawkchurch United	9	3	1	5	-6	10
Chard Utd Res	12	1	2	9	-25	6*
Misterton Res	11	1	1	9	-43	4

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Shepton Reserves	9	8	1	0	27	22*
Thorncombe Res	11	7	3	1	24	21*
Barrington Res	12	6	3	3	10	21
Combe B	11	6	2	3	4	20
Kingsbury Episcopi	11	4	1	6	2	13
Forton Reserves	11	4	1	6	-6	13
Crewkerne Reserves	9	3	1	5	-1	10
Farway Utd Res	10	3	1	6	-12	10
Uplyme Res	11	2	1	8	-28	7
Chard Rangers Res	9	1	2	6	-20	5

** = points adjusted*

TOOLSTATION Div 1

TOP	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hengrove	21	15	3	3	35	48
CHARD Town	22	14	2	6	21	44
Calne Town	22	12	5	5	17	41
Cribbs FL	21	12	5	4	16	41
Shepton Mall	21	12	2	7	11	38
Bradford T	21	12	2	7	30	38
Corsham T	21	11	4	6	13	37
Portishead	20	10	3	7	3	33
Sherborne	17	8	7	2	17	31
Oldland Abb	20	9	4	7	8	31
Roman Glass	21	7	6	8	-5	27
Keynsham T	23	9	3	11	-10	27*
Cheddar	19	7	3	9	0	24
Welton Rov	23	6	6	11	-18	24
Almond'ry	20	6	4	10	-3	22
Westbury U	22	5	6	11	-11	21
Elmore	20	5	6	9	-15	20*
Warminster	22	4	6	12	-25	18
Wellington	19	4	4	11	-16	16
Devizes	24	4	3	17	-38	15
Shrewton U	20	3	4	13	-34	13

SOMERSET League

PREM Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Berrow	17	13	1	3	19	40
Cutters Frid	17	10	1	6	6	31
Ashton & Bac	15	9	3	3	11	30
Minehead	16	8	4	4	11	28
Nailsea Utd	15	8	3	4	13	27
Street Res	14	8	1	5	4	25
Shirehamptn	13	6	5	2	10	23
Odd Down	16	7	1	8	-5	22
Nailsea Town	14	7	0	7	1	21
Langford Rov	13	5	4	4	2	19
ILMINSTER	16	5	4	7	-6	19
Bishops Lyd	13	5	3	5	-1	18
Weston St J	18	5	3	10	-15	18

DIV 2W Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Congresbury	14	12	1	1	27	37
Middlezoy	15	11	1	3	27	34
Wells City Rs	16	9	2	5	29	29
Nailsea Utd	12	8	0	4	17	24
Winscombe	13	8	0	5	7	24
Portishead	11	7	2	2	24	23
COMBE St N	15	6	3	6	3	21
Burnham Res	14	7	0	7	-12	21
Cheddar Res	14	6	1	7	-11	19
Churchill Cl	14	5	2	7	-5	17
Weston St J	14	5	2	7	-19	17
Nailsea T Res	11	4	1	6	-5	13

DEVON & EXE Div 1

DIV 1 top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
CHARD RES	13	10	1	2	27	31
Sidbury Utd	12	9	3	0	25	30
Witheridge	12	8	0	4	20	24
Bow AAC	9	7	1	1	15	22
Tiverton Res	8	6	2	0	28	20
University Ill	10	6	0	4	6	18
Wellington Rs	13	5	2	6	0	17

On target Rob lands Ilminster Sticker-up's trophy

THE 2012-13 Ilminster & District Mens skittles League sticker-up cup was held at the Crown Inn Ilminster on Thursday, January 17th.

12 teams were represented by their sticker-ups who are mostly under 16 years of age, the league is trying keep the youth involved so to hopefully take up skittles and keep the game alive.

Around 40 supporters watched the six hands of skittles as the competition was won by the Ashill Boys' player Rob Andrews who hit 64 pins (including 15 and 17 spares).

Runner-up was Flying Turkeys' player Louis Gillman who hit 63 (including 14,16 spares).

The Flying Turkeys shield was presented to Rob on behalf of the Flying Turkeys team by team member Sid Brown. ArRunner-up trophy and individual medals for all participants were also presented.

The individual trophies were very kindly sponsored by Dave at the Crown Inn, Ilminster who also provided food.

■ THE Flying Turkeys skittle team with winner Rob Andrews and their sponsored shield

■ WELL DONE: Sid Brown with winner Rob Andrews (above) and runner-up Louis Gillman (right)

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